Assistance to States for development of export infrastructure

3043. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is providing financial assistance to States under "Assistance to States for development of infrastructure and allied activities for the development of export infrastructure,"

(b) if so, the details of assistance that Government is providing to Andhra pradesh during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has rejected the additional assistance demanded by States without citing any reasons;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has asked for extending the Scheme to develop other export facilities; and

(f) so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The year-wise allocation to Andhra Pradesh is as follows:—

SI. No.	Year	Allocation (in Rs. lacs)
1.	2002-2003	1,200.00
2.	2003-2004	1,300.00
3.	2004-2005	1,385.00
4.	2005-2006	1,545.00
	TOTAL:	5,430.00

(c) and (d) The Central Government has expressed its inability to provide additional assistance for certain projects posed by the State Government, citing the reasons therefor.

(e) to (0 A Proposal for partial funding, to the tune of Rs. 86 crore, for the construction of a Railway Line from Obulavaripalli in Cuddapah district

to Krishnapattanam Port under the Assistance to States for Development to Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Since the ASIDE Scheme was not designed to meet the requirements of such a large infrastructure project, it was not possible to fund the project under the said Scheme.

Parlours by Tea Board in Tamil Nadu

3044. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up parlours by Tea Board in Coonoor and other near by locations to promote tea;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to set up such parlours in other locations in Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (e) Tea Board has no proposal to set up tea parlours in Coonoor or in any other location in Tamil Nadu to promote tea. However, Tea Board has a scheme to encourage entrepreneurs to set up tea parlours for serving good quality tea aimed at upgrading tea drinking habits and promoting tea as a versatile drink.

Export of different commodities

3045. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five commodities-transport equipment, petroleum-crude and products; machinery and instruments, gems and jewellery and ready-made garments including accessories accounted for 42 per cent of country's aggregate exports during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;